(b) the details of various amenities provided to the passengers during the last thiae years; and

(c) what are the plans for the future in this n-gard?

THE MINIS'i-EB OF STATE IN THE MINISTEY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LINKA); (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Derailments of Trains

1844. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI;

WffiU the Minister! *61* RAILWAYS be pleased to st; te;

(a) what is the percentage of derailments out of th$_e$ total train accidents during lasi three years;

(b) what is tbj average number of derailments per month during 1992-93;

(c) what are 'he reasons for derailments; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to reduce derailments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE EST THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS); (SHRI K. C. LENKA). (a) The percentage of derail) nents to the total train accidents diring the last three years is as und< r;

Year	%age
1990-91	83.8
1991-92	83.7
1992-93	78.4

(b) 34.

(c) The main reasons for such de-railmens have been identified as follows:

(i) Failure of track, sudden rail fracture and sinkage of track due to heavy rains etc.

(ii) Defect in the mechanical equipment of the coach, wagon or locomotive like wheel, undergear or springs, etc.

(iii) Staff failure.

(iv) Sabotage.

(v) Naural calamities and incidental causes.

(d) The steps being taken to eliminate such accidents include renewal and rehabilitation of overagei assets liKe track bridges, rolling stock, etc. In addition, inspection of track and examination of coaches, wagons and locomotives have been intensified, Ultrasonic testing of rails and axles is being done to identify features. Special emphasis is being laid on adherence to laid down procedures for reception and despat-tch of trains at stations. Besides, maintenance and upkeep of signall-ing equipment is also being given utmost attention Drivers are being monitored and counselled about their driving techniques. Intensive training of running, maintenance and operating satff is conduced.

Konkal Railway Project

1845. SHRI IQBAL SINGH;
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Miniter of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what are he targets set for completion of Konkan Railway Pro ject;

(b) the achievements made so far;

(c) whether Government are fa cing difficulties in regard to track construction in Goa;

(d) if so the details therof; and

(e) what are th$_e$ steps taken to settle the dispute between Goa State and Railways?

THE MINTSER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 1994-95.

(b) 68 Kmg. lonk section between Mangalore-Udipi has already been opened to traffic and 48 Kmg. long section between Roha and Veer is ready for opening.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is n$_0$ dispute between Gversment of Goa and Railways.

Conversion of Gondia Chanderpur

1846. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert Godnia Chanderpur to Broad Gauge from Meter Gauge; and

(b) whether it is a fact that this project has been inaugurated by Hon' ble Prime Minister?

THE MIN1SER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS) (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Monitoring the Punctuality of Trains

1847. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI IQBAL SINGH;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Railways are monitoring punctuality of the trains mainly long-distance trains;

(b) if so, the names fotrains in whose case punctuality is monitored regularly;

(c) wha tba$_s$ been the performance of these trains during 1992-93;

(d) whta are the steps taken to ensure punctually of trains specially late running trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) and (b) Punctuality of all Mail|Express trains (about 425 pairs) including long distance trains is monitored round the clock by the Railways.

(c) During 1992-93, avergae per cen. age of right time arrival of Mail [Express trains was 83.4 per cent.

(d) Every effort is being made by the railways to ensure puntcual running of the trains. However, extra -neu$_s$ factors like agitations|bandhs on issues not concerning railways, alarm chain pulling and other miscreant actvities like sabotage on the track etc. continue to affect running of trains adversely.

Locos Import on Hire Purchase basis

1848. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import locos on hire purchase basis to augment its hailing capacity; and

(b) if so. the names of the countries from which locos are to be purchased, the number of locos and the estimated cost involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The augmentation of hauling capacity on Indias Railways is continuous pro-cess. The hire purchase arrangement is in th econceptual stage.

(b) There is no concrete proposal so far.